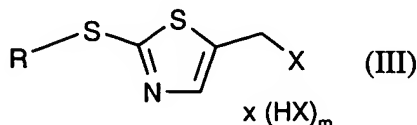


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of ~~forming~~ a compound of the formula



~~or, an E/Z isomer or a tautomer thereof,~~ wherein

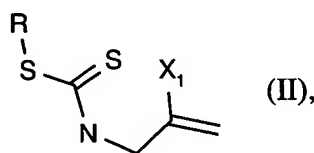
R is as defined for the formula (II);

m is 0 or 1; and

X is halogen; ~~or~~

~~comprising:~~

a) which comprises reacting a compound of the formula



~~and, an E/Z isomers or tautomers or a salt thereof~~ in free form or salt form, wherein

R is unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₂alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₄alkenyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₄alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₃-C₆-cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclyl being a five- to seven-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated moiety, that contains from one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, or a bicyclic moiety that may contain either in one ring or in both rings one or more hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, or -SR₆; and

R₆ is unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₂alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₄alkenyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₂-C₄alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl or unsubstituted or substituted ~~heterocyclyl~~ heterocyclyl being a five- to seven-membered monocyclic saturated or unsaturated moiety, that contains from one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, or a bicyclic moiety that may contain either in one ring

or in both rings one or more hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S; and

X₁ is a leaving group;

with a halogenating agent, ~~in the presence of a base.~~